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## MISS GINGS' MURDER

Janitor Blixt Makes a Confession of the Crime.

It Was Cold Blooded and Planned Beforehand.

## MONEY THE OBJECT.

Hayward Shot Her, Blixt Disposed of Her.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 10.—If the confession voluntarily made by Claus A. Blixt, the janitor of the Park flats, in the presence of Mayor Eustis, the county attorney and the chief of police, yesterday, is true, Harry T. Hayward fired the shot that killed Catherine Gings, and Blixt aided him in disposing of the body. The story of the horrible crime is related by Blixt as follows:

When the scheme of killing Miss Gings was hatched Hayward told him that by killing her he would regain possession of \$7,000 which he had given her, and, in addition, would make \$10,000, as she had "willed" her life insurance to him. He offered Blixt one-fifth of the amount if he would commit the deed. Blixt still refused to have anything to do with the crime and threatened to quit then and there, whereupon Hayward stated he would do it himself, saying: "I would as soon kill her as I would a dog."

Hayward's first plan after he concluded to commit the crime himself was outlined to Blixt. There was in the basement a T rail about two feet in length and Hayward directed the janitor to cut this in two, stating he would take Miss Gings riding where no one would see him with her. After he struck her over the head with the iron bar, which he would carry concealed under his coat, he then intended to throw the body out of the buggy against a curbstone, start his horse on a gallop and then tell the story of a runaway accident. He calculated that the body would appear to have been thrown from the buggy when it collided with the curb.

On Saturday night, after the second ride, Hayward returned to the flats and told Blixt that the right opportunity had not occurred. On Monday night Hayward met Blixt and by threats and persuasions and promises of money induced him to be a partner in the crime, to the extent of aiding in the disposal of the body, and make it easy for Hayward to commit the crime, so that it would appear that he could not have been the guilty party. Hayward directed Blixt to wait in coming at a point designated. At exactly a quarter to 7 Hayward was in the hall of the flats and Blixt opened the door. Hayward said: "Now hurry up and get down there. Everything is all ready."

Blixt followed out his instructions to the letter. He had been there about five minutes when he heard a shot and saw a carriage approach. As it drew up he recognized Hayward as the driver. Hayward said to him: "It is all done. Jump in and drive slowly and give me plenty of time to get back to town, and do not leave her until you are sure she is dead." Hayward got out of the buggy and Blixt got in.

The woman was on the left hand side and the laprobe was thrown over her, completely covering her, from which it is evident that before firing the fatal shot Hayward pulled the robe up and held it so as to prevent the possibility of any blood spurring onto his clothes, and to protect himself from the blood spots afterward while driving along the road. Blixt did not look at the woman, and the only way that he inferred she was dead was because she did not move. He drove along the Excelsior road to a point, he says, about one mile beyond where the body was found, then turning around he drove back over the road.

Upon reaching the spot where the body was found, he stopped, and alighting from the buggy, passed about behind it to the left side. He says he pulled the woman's feet out of the buggy box, and that the body slid of its own weight, and the laprobe came with it. He then jumped into the buggy and drove up the Excelsior road to Lake street to a point between Dupont street and Emerson avenue, where he alighted, threw the reins over the dashboard, started the horse and stepped to the walk and walked to Lyndale street, where he took a Lyndale car into the city.

Blixt called the mayor and chief of police to his cell several hours after the previous confession had been made. He now says that he fired the fatal shot himself.

**Basket of Counterfeit Money.**  
GUTHRIE, Ok., Dec. 10.—Marshal Nix's men executed a neat piece of work in Payne county last week, resulting in the capture and incarceration in the federal jail last night of two very clever counterfeiters. Their names are Frank and William Lockett and they are thought to be members of a gang whose operations extend throughout the Southwest. A bushel basket of the "quaker" was found in their possession.

**There May Be a Lynching.**  
LINCOLN, Mo., Dec. 10.—Sheriff Barton, with two deputies, left here for St. Joseph, to bring William and George Taylor to Lincoln to plead to an indictment for murder in the first degree. They will be taken away as soon as the usual process is finished. While there are no indications of trouble, there may be a lynching.

**Quarrelled Over a Card Game.**  
BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Giuseppe Olivera of 18 Genesee street, and his wife, Theresa, were probably fatally stabbed by Antonio Constantino, as the result of a quarrel over a game of cards, just before 7 o'clock last evening.

## TRAIN ROBBERS ARRESTED

Crazy Evans Confesses to the Texas Pacific Hold-Up and Names Others.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 10.—One of the Benbrook train robbers, who held up the Texas and Pacific train last Thursday, eight miles from this city, surrendered to the sheriff of Navarro county, at Corsicana yesterday. He was brought here and is now in jail. He confessed everything, and gave the names of the four others implicated, two of whom have been arrested and are now in jail. The self-confessed robber is Sam Evans, the nephew of one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of Fort Worth, Colonel Sam Evans. Young Sam is locally known as "Crazy Sam Evans." He has worked for a butcher as a wagon driver, etc.

Another of the robbers is G. W. Sullivan, and the third under arrest is a young man who will possibly be used as state's evidence.

Evans talked very freely. Among other things that he said was that he had plenty of money, the proceeds of the robbery, but would not give up a cent unless he was promised protection.

## CLAYTON ASSASSINATION.

It Is Recalled by the Suicide of J. A. Clobentz at Walla Walla, Wash.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 10.—Another person whose name came into prominence in connection with the famous political murder case in which John M. Clayton was the assassin's victim, a crime that startled the entire country, and has to this day remained shrouded in mystery, has come to a violent end. Word was received here yesterday detailing the suicide at Walla Walla, Wash., of J. Clobentz. Clobentz was sheriff of Conway county, Ark., at the time of the famous Breckinridge-Clayton congressional contest and it was he who approached Clayton on the day previous to the assassination with the admonition not to remain at Plumerville.

Clobentz was warden of the Washington penitentiary and committed suicide in his office Saturday night. He was a defaulter to the state.

## WITH POMP AND SPLENDOR

Three Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Gustavus Adolphus.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 10.—The 300th anniversary of the birth of Gustavus Adolphus, the great Swedish king who died on the battlefield of Tuetzen, November 6, 1632, was celebrated here with a pomp and splendor which made it one of the greatest festivals ever held in this capital.

## Get the Drop on the Officers.

CLAREMORE, Ind. Ter., Dec. 10.—Deputy Marshal John Beard of this place was shot and instantly killed yesterday morning four miles south of here, while attempting to arrest Jim Price, a local tough, wanted by both the United States and Cherokee authorities. Deputy United States Marshal Beard and Pulse went after Price, who got the drop on them. Beard stepped behind his wagon and took a snap shot at Price, who returned the fire with a Winchester ball which pierced Beard's brain. He then, after driving Pulse off, fled to the Cooks.

## Engineers and Firemen Object to Dues.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 10.—The engineers and firemen of the Atlantic and Pacific railway have engaged an attorney to look after their interests. They say they have become tired of paying the grand officers of their organizations \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year, in addition to heavy local dues, as in time of trouble the officers are taken side with the company and they sanctioned the discharge of men on account of the American Railway union without hearing their claims.

## Blackwell Released From Prison.

CLAREMORE, I. T., Dec. 10.—A. J. Blackwell, the story of whose arrest for treason and subsequent mistreatment has been published, was brought here last night to be tried in the district court. The point of relationship was raised, the judge being related to Blackwell's wife, and the trial was postponed until the January term of court, when he will be tried before another judge of this place. In the meantime he has been released on \$10,000 bail.

## Preacher Charged With Theft.

PERRY, Ok., Dec. 10.—Rev. G. R. McKinney, postmaster at McKinney, Ok., was arrested by deputy marshals and arraigned in the district court here for tampering with registered letters. Mr. McKinney is a cowboy preacher from Texas. He is a Methodist minister, postmaster, justice of the peace, merchant and owns the town of McKinney, eighteen miles north of here.

## An Elopement Frustrated.

HENDERSON, Ky., Dec. 10.—A shooting took place in Webster county Friday night, near Clay, in which John Clayton shot and killed Jesse Driver. Driver was a near neighbor of Clayton, and was a lover of his 14-year-old daughter, and was about to elope with the daughter when shot.

**Hillman Case May Be Compromised.**  
LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 10.—It is currently reported that attorneys, or rather agents for the insurance companies in the Hillman case, have been in the city for several days endeavoring to secure a compromise and settlement of the case.

**Killed by a Katy Train.**  
SOUTH McALESTER, Ind. Ter., Dec. 10.—Edward Duncan was instantly killed by a Missouri, Kansas and Texas freight train at this place yesterday afternoon. He was cut in two by the wheels.

**Cotton Factory Destroyed.**  
COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 10.—The Bank cotton factory in Lexington county, about thirteen miles from Columbia, was destroyed by fire last night. The origin is unknown. The loss is \$75,000, covered by insurance.

## RAILROAD RECEIPTS.

The Interstate Commerce Commission Makes Its Report.

Five Hundred and Seventy Operating Roads Passed On.

## NEARLY A BILLION.

Receipts Were \$949,639,075, Net Earnings \$306,210,714.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The interstate commerce commission has just issued a preliminary report on the income and expenditures of railways in the United States for the year ending June 30, 1894, prepared by its statistician.

The report contains the returns from 570 operating companies, whose reports were filed on or before November 23, 1894, and covers the operation of 139,563.21 miles of line, or about 85 per cent of the total operated mileage in the United States.

The gross earnings from the operation of the 399,553.21 miles of line represented were \$949,639,075, of which \$300,137,142 were from passenger service, \$317,953,498 were from freight service, and \$332,498,435 were for earnings from operation, covering receipts from telegraph, use of cars, switching charges, etc.

The operating expenses were \$343,428,311, leaving net earnings of \$306,210,714. Reduced to a mileage basis, the earnings from passenger service were \$2,937 per mile of line; from freight service, \$4,132; total gross earnings, \$6,350; operating expenses, \$4,302, and net earnings, \$2,048.

A comparison of these items with similar results from the complete report of the previous year shows a decrease per mile of line earnings from passenger service of \$35; in earnings from freight service of \$774; in total gross earnings of \$540; in operating expenses of \$574, and in net earnings of \$366.

Number of passengers carried, 505,285,440; passengers carried one mile, 12,884,925,578; number of tons carried, 571,875,942; tons carried one mile, 70,426,244,905. In order to show the volume of traffic for the railways these figures should be increased fourteen or fifteen per cent. To compare with a similar traffic with the previous year these figures are reduced to a mileage basis, which shows the number of passengers carried one mile, per mile of line, to be 86,253, as compared with \$3,509 in 1893. That there has been a decrease in passenger traffic, regardless of the commercial depression, is due to the unusual amount of travel in July, August, September and October, 1893, on account of the world's fair. The number of tons carried one mile, per mile of line, was 70,803, as compared with 55,123 for 1893. These figures show the decrease in the volume of freight traffic occasioned by the demoralization of business throughout the country.

The net earnings available for the payment of fixed charges and dividends were \$306,210,714, as against \$350,768,697 for the same roads for the previous year, a decrease of \$44,557,983. It is probable that the increase in net earnings of all the railroads will exceed \$50,000,000. The dividends paid were \$62,464,961, as compared with \$95,400,130 for 1893. After the deduction of the dividends, it is found that all of the groups except group VI and group X show a deficit, instead of a surplus, from the operation of the year, the aggregate amount of such deficit being \$28,032,421. This fact shows that a part of the dividends were either paid out of the accumulated surplus of past years, or that their payment necessitated an increase in the current indebtedness.

The report also shows the average receipts per passenger mile and the average receipts per ton per mile for the year ending June 30, 1894, covering the mileage represented. Regardless of the decrease in traffic there has been a decline in rates during the year, the average receipts per passenger mile being 1.97 cents, as compared with 2.18 cents in 1893, and the average receipts per ton per mile 4.68 cents, as compared with 5.78 cents in 1893.

## Killed in a Depot.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—While waiting at the Lyons depot of the Burlington road last night a party of young people were struck by the suburban train, one young lady being killed outright, her brother perhaps fatally injured and another brother narrowly escaping death. Miss Ida Schuit, aged 23, was killed outright.

## The Sultan Afraid.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A dispatch from Constantinople says that the sultan has not acquiesced in the mission of Consul Milo Jewett, who was selected by President Cleveland to inquire into the Turkish outrages in Armenia. The dispatch adds that the sultan appears to fear the effects of an independent report to the Washington government.

## No More Fights in Denver.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 10.—Chief of Police Armstrong has decided to allow no more prize fights in Denver. The pugilists who have been giving many so-called boxing exhibitions here this winter will be jailed as vagrants if they do not leave town.

## His Reverence's Gun Went Off.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Dec. 10.—As Redford Mitchell, an itinerant colored preacher, was feeding his horse near Chandler, a revolver fell from his pocket and was discharged, the bullet passing through his body, and killing him instantly.

## Bank Cashier Gone Wrong.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 10.—Albert Whipple, cashier of the Crawford Banking company, at Crawford, Neb., has absconded and the bank is closed.

Remember sale, supper and entertainment at the First Presbyterian church Wednesday, December 12th.

## AN ENLIGHTENED NATION.

Japan So Recognized in New Treaty With This Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The full text of the new treaty between the United States and Japan has been the main subject of comment in diplomatic and official circles to-day. The treaty shows how fully the United States has accorded Japan the recognition she has now as an enlightened, modern nation. All previous treaties have been based on the theory that the relics of Eastern barbarism still remain in Japan. Accordingly, she was not allowed to conduct her own courts or to make her own tariff laws, but special treaty regulations were made to protect American citizens and American commerce in Japan, on the presumption that the native laws would not afford adequate protection. Running throughout the new treaty are the concessions recognizing her courts and laws as ample for Americans as well as natives. This is the chief feature of the treaty.

The right of Japan to make her own tariff laws is also recognized. Heretofore the United States has been free to make such tariff laws as she saw fit affecting Japan but the latter was forbidden by treaty from fixing duties above 5 per cent ad valorem.

On the other hand, the United States secures many substantial advantages. The missionaries who make up such a very large class in Japan are guaranteed freedom of worship and protection in that worship. The most concession, however, is that of article II, by which Japan is opened up to American commerce.

## LETTER FROM WILSON.

The Tariff Champion Writes to a Washington Friend on the Election.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 10.—The following letter from Chairman Wilson, of the ways and means committee, to Hon. George Hazzard, of Tacoma, is made public. Mr. Wilson, by referring to his former visit to this state, recalls the fact that in 1893 he came from his home in West Virginia through Tacoma, where April 10 he delivered an address:

"Washington, Dec. 1. "My Dear Hazzard:—I am very grateful for the kind words which you sent me in the name of my Democratic friends in Washington, and I appreciate their personal and political friendship and shall try as earnestly to deserve it in private life as in public service."

"I cannot allow myself to repine over my own reverse, and as to the general disaster, I am confident that the people will soon learn that the Democratic party did not deserve any such chastisement at their hands and will come back to us as passionately as they seem to have left us. This country does not belong to the trusts and monopolies and no single battle can give it to them. An army may be defeated but our cause, as the old Roman, Allen G. Thurman, said on his recent birthday, is the cause of free institutions and is therefore invincible."

## WILLIAM IS ANGRY.

The German Emperor Anxious Over the Social Scene in the Reichstag.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—At noon yesterday Emperor William received Herr Von Leytzow, president of the reichstag, and the vice presidents of that body. The audience lasted half an hour. In the course of the audience his majesty referred to the Socialist demonstration at the first session of the reichstag, in the new parliamentary building, and said he did not for a moment regard the matter from a personal point of view. He merely regarded it as an attack on the constitution, inasmuch as the monarchy was an essential part of the constitution. The purpose of a new bill that will be submitted to the reichstag was to prevent such attacks.

## Against Armenian Outrages.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—A mass meeting of citizens was held at Central Music hall last night under the auspices of the local Armenian society to protest against the Armenian outrages. H. N. Higginbotham, president of the World's Columbian exposition, presided. Among the speakers were Dr. E. G. Hirsch, M. M. Magassarian, Judge Waterman, Mrs. Mary Holmes, Dr. H. W. Roth and Colonel Sexton.

## German Exports to America.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Frank H. Mason, consul general of the United States at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, reports that the exports to America from his consular district for October and November were valued at \$922,518, an increase of twenty per cent over the value of the goods exported during the corresponding months of 1893.

## Krupp Aids a Church.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Herr Krupp, head of the great gun making firm, has given 5,000 marks for the construction of a Protestant church at Essen, where the Krupp works are situated. Essen is the center of a large Catholic population.

## BRIEFS BY WIRE.

The Chippewa Indians of White Earth Reservation, Minn., have presented a claim against the government amounting to \$7,000,000, arising from breach of the terms of the treaty made with the tribe in 1854.

Ives defeated Schaefer in the Chicago billiard tournament by the total score of 3,600 to 2,831.

San Francisco enjoys the distinction of having a Chinese bookmaker. The grand jury at Sioux City, Iowa, has returned fifty-two indictments against county an ex-county officers for conspiracy and embezzlement. It is said they swindled the county out of over \$300,000.

Eight football players have died from injuries received while at play so far this season.

Rev. Conrad Haney, one of the most prominent of Chicago's divines, has eloped with Mrs. George W. Braigt, wife of the manager of the Price Baking Powder company. Haney left a wife and four children in destitute circumstances.

The second deposit of \$2,500 in the Fitzsimmons stake of \$10,000 for his coming fight with Corbett has been posted with the stakeholder. The makes \$5,000 he has now deposited.

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## HOMESEEKERS EXCURSION.

SANTA FE ROUTE.

December 4th and 18th the Santa Fe will run Homeseekers Excursions at one fare, plus \$2, for the round trip.

These tickets will be sold to points in Colorado, Utah, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, and will be good for 20 days.

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## SANTA FE ROUTE

Commencing November 27th, the Santa Fe will sell first class tickets, Topeka to Chicago, at the low rate of \$11. Two solid through vestibule trains, leave Santa Fe depot at 2:40 and 6:05 p. m., arriving in Chicago at 2:00 and 11:50 next morning.

Rowley Bros., City Agents.

## SANTA FE ROUTE

Prescott & Co. have removed to No. 115 West Eighth street.

It's a rich treat to visit Trumbull's Art Store. A large line of beautiful pictures have just been opened.

See calls to the Peerless